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From Representative Black.

Editor Register—Thinking your readers will be interested in a brief review of the work of the special session in regard to road legislation, I will write you a few lines. The Senate has passed the Ralph bill, which gives the State Highway Commission almost unlimited powers in the entire matter. The House roads committee has submitted to the House a committee substitute embodying what the committee considers as the best features of all the bills presented to the House, and this substitute will be taken up for amendment and engrossment today or tomorrow. The House bill provides that construction shall begin as nearly as practicable in every county at the same time, and in order to guarantee that the provision will not be disregarded, the bill says that the funds shall be allotted and apportioned annually to each and every county, such apportionment being based on the state road mileage of each county multiplied by \$6000.

Where the state system adopts roads that have already been constructed the bill provides for refunding to the county or civil subdivision for the purpose of constructing additional roads. If the \$6000. per mile will not construct the roads, the Highway Commission is provided with a reserve fund to be used for such purposes as well as in the construction of a higher type of road, where in their opinion the traffic needs will demand. The bill provides for the construction of at least two cross county highways of a gravel or clay-bound gravel surface at least 12 feet in width. All construction will be under the supervision of the State Highway Board. The House members seem to be well pleased with our committee substitute, and we have hopes that the main features of the House bill will be written in the law as it is finally adopted.

Respectfully,

REDMOND BLACK.
Jefferson City, Mo., July 18th, 1921.

Nebraska and Missouri.

(Missouri State Journal.)

A short time ago Governor Hyde invited the Governor of Nebraska, Mr. McKelvie, to visit benighted Missouri and speechify a bit concerning the greatness of our present Governor. Inquiry develops some very good reasons for securing McKelvie for this purpose. There is a bond of sympathy between McKelvie and Hyde that cannot be overlooked.

The Missouri legislature appropriated \$34,000,000, nearly \$15,000,000 more than any other legislature ever appropriated. The last Nebraska legislature, according to the best information, appropriated over \$31,000,000 for the biennium, twice as much as any Nebraska legislature ever appropriated. For instance, in 1907 and 1908 the total receipts of the Nebraska Government, for all purposes, amounted only to about \$7,000,000.

Governor Hyde has boasted taxes and boosted assessments. So has McKelvie. Not only have taxes been increased in Nebraska, but the method of levying and assessing taxes has been taken out of the hands of the local boards and lodged in a so-called board of assessments, of which the Governor and four other state officers are members. This board is given absolute control over all taxation matters and the power to re-assess all the property of all the citizens of the state—powers which Hyde possesses in Missouri, and which McKelvie demanded in Nebraska. This new tax bill has been the source of great agitation in our neighboring state, and a political issue has developed which bids fair to overwhelm the Governor's party in the next election. It appears that Governor Hyde's friend, McKelvie, is not particularly popular in any combination of circumstances in Nebraska, and that it would be better for him to attend to his own fences in Nebraska, rather than monkeying around with politics in Missouri. He can't save Hyde, and it is doubtful if he can save himself. Last year McKelvie had a serious contest in his own party over his re-nomination, and though re-nominated, he received less than one-third of the vote cast in the Republican primaries. There were several candidates against him, any one of whom would have beaten him if the vote opposed to him had not been divided. Harding carried Nebraska by 160,000, McKelvie was elected by 20,000. This is a fine specimen of a governor, to come parading around in Missouri quarters, undertaking to tell Missourians what a great man they have in the Governor's office, and still we can understand the intimate relation-

ship that must arise between McKelvie and Hyde, for Nebraskans say that McKelvie has distinguished himself in office by narrowness of mind and pettiness of conduct.

Checking Tariff Madness.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

News from Washington indicates that the Republican leaders are beginning to see the light on the Fordney tariff bill. They are not sure that the tariff conspiracy, to further enrich manufacturers at the expense of the whole people, is either good business or good politics. The leaders have had warnings from the press and from business interests that the return to high protection, when the United States needs trade more than anything else, is bad business, and that keeping prices high for a few privileged beneficiaries is bad politics. The alleged mandate of the 7,000,000 majority is not so clear.

It is reported that the President again will come to the rescue of the country by inducing the Senate to postpone tariff legislation, at least, until some sort of a tax-revision measure shall be adopted.

It seems incredible that any set of public and party leaders would not see at once that a return to high protection is the worst sort of business under present conditions and that its consequence in high prices and the further enrichment of profiteers would cause bitter popular resentment. The joining of tax reduction with high tariff taxes is ridiculous on its face.

The Fordney tariff bill ought not only to be postponed, but killed. Its possibilities of evil are immeasurable. Not only will it tend to maintain high prices and to shunt them higher, but it will erect barriers against trade and may cause tariff conflicts which would be deadly to a revival of American prosperity. It may block markets which are necessary to American business revival.

The proposed delay in tariff legislation may be beneficial. It will give time for thought and for the crystallizing of sound public sentiment against tariff plundering and trade obstruction. It will give public opinion a chance to exert a wholesome influence on Congress.

Dr. Dearmont.

(Pemiscon Argus.)

Under the leadership of Dr. Dearmont the enrollment at the Southeast Missouri Teachers College increased from 300 to 1400 and the school placed in a rank second to none of its kind in the U.S., yet he was not re-elected by the Board of Regents. The reason is well known. Dr. Dearmont has a soul and he was never afraid to reveal it. He is a sterling Dearmont, and, exercising his right, he advocated the principles of his party and clean politics. In the discharge of his duties in the school he was non-partisan, but those duties finished, he threw himself into the fight on the side dictated by a clear mind and a patriotic soul. The failure to retain Dr. Dearmont is a hard blow to the school, and will be resented by all fair minded men and women of whatever political faith. We presume the job hunters were "Hounding me to death for the place," as Governor Hyde told Bradshaw. Dr. Dearmont leaves the school with a clean record and a clear conscience. Will the Republicans be in as good condition when they turn Missouri over to the Democrats in 1924?

No Preacher Need Apply.

Yellow-legged roosters only four months old but weighing 4½ pounds each have been discovered in Jackson County by the home demonstration agent, Florence Carvin, in one of Missouri's certified farm flocks. But these cockerels are not for the skillet. Hatched from the eggs of a 200-egg hen and brought up in the manner recommended by the Missouri College of Agriculture, these fine specimens will be distributed by the college to other flock owners of the state who are cooperating with the college to breed up high-laying flocks and increase Missouri's average annual production of eggs per hen.

"The average farm in Missouri supports 94 fowls which lay annually an average of 55½ eggs per bird," comments T. S. Townsley, extension poultry specialist. "In contrast to this low average, 112 Missouri farms, where the Missouri plan of flock improvement is practiced, reported an average of 125 hens on a farm in 1920 with an annual egg production of 114 eggs a hen. If every hen in Missouri laid as well as the hens on the farms of these flock owners who are working directly with the college, the

state's present annual production of 115 million dozen eggs could be secured from less than half the number of hens now kept."

New Motor Vehicle License Bill.

Jefferson City, July 12.—Senator Ralph introduced a motor vehicle license bill in the senate yesterday which it is estimated will increase the road revenue from the licenses one million dollars annually. The bill has the approval of the automobile association of the state.

The schedule of annual licenses carried follows:

Automobiles—Less than 12-horse power, \$4 per annum; 12-horse power and less than 24, \$8; 24 and less than 36, \$12; 36 and less than 48, \$16; 48 and less than 60, \$18; 60 and less than 72, \$22; 72 and over, \$26. Motorcycles, \$4; motorcycle with side car, \$5.

Commercial vehicles—trucks, less than 2 tons, \$8; 2 tons and less than 5, \$12; 5 tons and less than 6, \$18; 6 tons and less than 7, \$20; 7 and less than 8, \$24; every ton or fraction in excess of 8 tons, \$50 per ton.

For each trailer, one-half the rate on corresponding truck.

The rates average about \$2 a car more than the rates in the Bester bill pending in the house.

The secretary of state is empowered to appoint six inspectors and to appoint 150 special inspectors to serve without pay.

A branch of the license department must be maintained in each city of 75,000 or over.

The Republican Gerrymander.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

The Republican congressional redistricting bills divide the State so that the Republicans will have 10 solid districts and the Democrats three solid districts, with the remainder of two or three, according to the apportionment plan of Congress, doubtful. The State is to be gerrymandered for the benefit of the Republican party.

The Republicans excuse their gerrymander on the ground that the State was gerrymandered by the Democrats when they were in power. It is true that the Democrats packed nearly all the districts for their party. Their gerrymander was disgraceful, but that does not excuse the Republicans for doing the rotten thing the Democrats did. There is no excuse for it. It is prompted by an unscrupulous partisan spirit which takes no account of fairness or of popular rights and interests. There is nothing worse than a gerrymander. If the people were wise they would rebuke it by defeating any party guilty of it; if, for nothing else, to prove that the people cannot be herded and handled like cattle.

The Republican administration, elected by a great independent vote, to correct the evils of the long Democratic regime, is plunging deeper into the slime of partisan politics than its predecessors.

Bumper Watermelon Crop.

Barring an unforeseen disaster, Southeast Missouri will harvest its greatest melon crop this year.

C. B. Michelson, selling agent for the Southeast Missouri Watermelon Growers Association, estimates that the melon section will this year ship not less than 3500 cars of melons. He figures that Dunklin county will produce 2000 cars and the other 1500 will be made up in the other counties. He estimates that 450 cars will be loaded at Kennett; 250 at Holcomb; 230 at Malden; 250 at Morley; that Benton, Brooks, Junction, Vanduser, McGuire, Campbell, Clarkton, Gibson, White Oak, Frisbee, Ipley and several others will load between 100 and 150 cars.

The crop this year is said to be in prime condition. The growers have thinned the vines, done considerable spraying and in loading will closely cull and grade the melons.

The crop will begin to move this week and will be under full swing by next week. The marketing of the entire crop will be under the growers association which includes practically every grower in the district.

Referendum.

Referendum is a Latin word now Anglicized. This and several kindred words are derived from the Latin verb, refero, I bear, I carry, I give back, from re, back; and fero, bear. The word referendum is a neuter noun, and it means the submission of a proposed public measure or law, which has been passed upon by the legislature, to a vote of the people for ratification or rejection; that is, the legislators refer or carry back the measure to the electorate.



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Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Monday, July 18, 1921:

Days of Week.	Day of Month	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest	Lowest	
Tuesday	12	97	61	
Wednesday	13	97	67	
Thursday	14	92	75	.63
Friday	15	86	71	.99
Saturday	16	93	64	
Sunday	17	96	62	
Monday	18	88	66	1.25

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. ARCADIA COLLEGE Observer.

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PROBATE DOCKET.

Term Docket of the Probate Court, Iron County, Mo.—August Term, A. D. 1921.

Monday, August 8th.

Julia Mike Kish, executor estate of Marie Mike Kish, deceased; semi-annual.

Thos. N. Marr, administrator estate of Samuel Hopkins, deceased; final.

Thos. N. Marr, administrator estate of Elizabeth Weber, deceased; final.

Thos. N. Marr, administrator estate of Uriah H. Mayfield, deceased; semi-annual.

W. T. Stevenson, administrator estate of Nathan C. Sutton, deceased; final.

Lucy Goodman, administratrix estate of George L. Goodman, deceased; final.

Tuesday, August 9th.

W. H. White, guardian and curator of Corine White, a minor; final.

Essie V. Ricketts, guardian and curator of Lewis Gordon Ricketts and Lee Milton Ricketts, minors; annual.

G. W. Pinkley, guardian and curator of Alfred Monroe Pinkley, a person of unsound mind; annual.

George A. Leff, guardian and curator of Lena Leff, a person of unsound mind; annual.

W. E. Westerman, administrators estate of Amos E. Westerman, deceased; semi-annual.

W. L. White, administrator estate of Leopold Hurst, deceased; semi-annual.

SAM. M. BREWSTER,
Judge of Probate & ex-officio Clerk.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Thos. N. Marr, Public Administrator, having in charge the estate of Samuel Hopkins, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri, to be held at Ironton, in said County, on the 8th day of August, A. D. 1921.

THOS. N. MARR,
Public Administrator.